

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

Presiding: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Mayor Dalling
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Steve Hawkes of Planning & Zoning Commission; Wendy Walker; and Joe Law, Standard Journal.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2013. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept said minutes; motion carried.

Marcie presented the March reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the March reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried. Marcie presented the March reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Merrill and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept the March reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Marcie presented the current bills in the amount of \$170,588.24. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to pay the current bills, together with all regular April bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

City Clerk Sharon L. Bell administered the oath of office to the new City Treasurer, Wendy Walker, and she signed an oath stating that she will faithfully discharge the duties of City Treasurer and Deputy City Clerk for Sugar City, Idaho. The mayor welcomed Wendy as the new treasurer.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: P&Z Chairman Steve Hawkes addressed the council.

Public hearing for Lamont Merrill special use permit (townhome): Steve reported that Lamont Merrill wants to build a townhome and has applied for a special use permit. The P&Z public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 7 p.m.

Public hearing for impact area zoning: Steve said a P&Z public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. for the impact area zoning.

AT&T request for a dish on the water tower: Steve said he talked with Trevor from AT&T and asked him to make a proposal and send it to him, and then Steve will get it to the mayor. The mayor said the city would need to have a contract to put a dish on the water tower along with the antennas.

Ron Arnold Realty – home business license: Ron Arnold is conducting his real estate

business out of his home. He needed to have a home business license to submit to someone who is doing business with him. P&Z signed the home business application and a home business license has been issued. He will not put up any signs.

Recommendation for the Pocock Trucking building in the Business Park: The Business Park Review Committee approved plans presented for a building in the Business Park for Pocock Trucking on April 4, 2013. The Planning and Zoning Commission met on the matter on April 10, 2013, and made the following recommendation: "The Planning and Zoning Commission have met and are recommending to the City Council to allow John Pocock Trucking to construct a dispatch center in the Sugar City Business Park. The building meets all of the requirements in the city code and will be a great asset to our community."

Open storage shed for city equipment: The Planning and Zoning Commission does not like the canvas dome design of the proposed storage shed because of the location. Commissioners think that a building similar to the one that is there already and matching would be nicer looking. It is in R-1 zoning and is classified as a governmental building. They are speaking as a P&Z Commission and not as a design review committee. Steve feels we should require a special use permit for it.

DISCUSSION ON OPEN STORAGE SHED: The mayor said we are not pressed to make a decision tonight. After discussion, Councilmember Merrill accepted the responsibility to look into other options and costs of other buildings we could use and report back. Councilmember King gave a report on the existing buildings like this that are owned by the Idaho Transportation Department.

DECISION ON P&Z'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE POCOCK TRUCKING BUILDING IN THE BUSINESS PARK: The proposed building will be a dispatch center. Trucks and drivers will not go in there.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to accept the two recommendations concerning the Pocock Trucking building in the Business Park – the one recommendation from the Business Park Review Committee and the other from the Planning and Zoning Commission – recommending approval for the plan considered, with the understanding that all four exterior wall surfaces will be masonry; motion carried.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES WATER MEASURING

DEVICE: Stan Clark and Bryce Contor, representing the above organization, wanted to check and see if Sugar City would like to continue the measurement of the water that goes into the Parkinson gravel pit for recharge to the aquifer. They want to know if the city would like them to set this measuring device up to measure the water going into the pond this year. They will give us a bid for the service.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

Long-term power outage: Bruce asked how long the city can provide water and sewer service in the event of a long-term power outage. The mayor said the city could possibly run on generators for 10 to 15 days. We have two 500-gallon diesel tanks for running the lift station and the water pumps.

Aerial photo: The mayor said the aerial photo has been taken and it just needs to

be burned to a disk. Bruce would like to put it on the Web site.

Web site: Bruce handed out new pictures he would like to add to the Website, which would replace two of the banner pictures. Councilmember Waddell would like to see the Veteran's Monument and flags in the same picture and said Memorial Day would be a good day to take the picture. Councilmember Drake would like a picture of the winning yard on the Web site, also.

Madison County 1000 E. Bridge: Bruce reported that in the Idaho Transportation Department meeting last night, Dave Walrath pointed out that Madison County plans to replace the 1000 E. county bridge that is now in Sugar City limits starting in September.

Limiting amount of poured cement in front yards: Bruce was wondering if there was any rule in our city code about limiting the amount of concrete you can have in your front yard. Vaun said it is 30% of the front yard area (City Code 8-6-2M).

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

LEPC: Lamont said Dave Walrath is the chairman of the LEPC committee. They are identifying all HAM operators in the county. The county has hazardous waste days each month in which people can dispose of chemicals, paints, etc. They are the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the transfer station by the airport in Rexburg.

Water storage in the mountains is 70 to 80% full this year. They reported that the flu season is winding down and was a light year in this area. April 29 and May 1 will be a mock Anthrax disaster test. It will be held at BYU-Idaho to see how well they can take care of the population.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:

Report on Easter egg hunt: Vaun reported this was the biggest Easter egg hunt ever. The weather was good and the event was well attended. He reported on the businesses that contributed gift certificates and money to include in the plastic eggs.

Legislative tour: Vaun suggested three possible activities for the legislators during their legislative tour on September 22, 23 and 24: (1) drive by gravel pit to see recharge area; (2) make a pamphlet about Sugar City to give legislators, and/or (3) provide a meal for them. He would be happy to organize and carry off such an event. The mayor assigned Vaun to work on getting these items put on the legislators' tour agenda. He suggested we bring the legislators through Sugar City and have all the flags up. The mayor and Vaun will continue to pursue what we could do for the legislative tour. May 2 is the next meeting, which they will attend.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:

Status of city sign installation: Burch reported that new street signs are being installed, which are more visible and sturdier. He is working with Bruce to figure out where to put ingress and egress signs going north from U.S. Highway 20.

Arbor Day celebration: Burch reported that the Arbor Day and the new city west entrance sign celebrations are being combined this year. The city received a \$300 grant from the Arbor Day Foundation and a \$75 match from the city to buy trees and shrubbery to plant. With that in mind, the city workers are putting in dirt and will have a watering system going. The Arbor Day celebration and ribbon cutting for the sign is Friday, April 26, at 11 a.m. A coloring contest is running for the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Three winners from each class (nine students total) will show up at the entrance sign for the ribbon cutting. Those students will plant the plants and will each receive an Arbor Day t-shirt.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Breakfast meeting with Robert Grove and Christine Oostema (Envision Madison):

The mayor said there is a breakfast meeting at Frontier Pies restaurant in Rexburg tomorrow at 7:30 a.m., which he encouraged the council to attend.

Enforcement of city ordinances: The mayor said we talk continually about ordinances that are not being enforced. He suggested at the second meeting we could review them with the attorney present and talk about how we could enforce them.

Suggestions for Sugar City Stake cleanup: The mayor asked the council to write some suggestions that they would like to see happen in the city for the stake cleanup day and give their lists to him. Steve Hawkes asked that weed spray be put down around the trees the week before these projects are started.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk